ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT Christ the King November 26, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 9:30 a.m. All Saints: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

St. James - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Kishore Kumar Gundabathini, cell 902-314-9174 (if anyone outside of Canada is contacting Fr. Kishore they should do so via email or call his landline number & not use his cell phone.) or 902-652-2401

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Christ The King Reflection

Jesus is our king who showed us the ultimate mercy. When we were hungry, thirsty, naked and imprisoned by sin, he saved us. In fact, when we were nothing, He made us His sons and daughters. That is why whatever good thing we do for other people is just an overflow of what Jesus did to us. If we are able to love others, it is because God has first loved us (1 John 4:19). Thus, it is Jesus who made us sheep by grace alone and not by our own effort (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Truly, we don't go and feed the hungry in order to earn our ticket to heaven. We don't go to visit the inmates at the nearby jail so that we will look good in the eyes of God. If we do, then we become self-righteous. No, we don't do good things for any other reason except that Jesus, by His grace and mercy, has changed us from being a goat into a sheep. Thus helping the poor is just a natural consequence of being a true disciple of Jesus.

Take note that in the gospel, the sheep do not even know they have been doing corporal acts of mercy. It is because it has become a natural thing for them. That is why, whether you are rich or poor, if Jesus is your king then you tend to do as He did.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Shannon Lavandier, Cathy Martell, & Jordan Lea. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

Week Day Masses

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 9:30 a.m. at St. George's Int. Jim Larkin by Anne and Norbert Morrison

Thursday, Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Leah & Gilles Michaud by Julia Donahoe MacDougald

Friday, Dec. 1, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Dec. 2, 4:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Rita, Roddie & Malcolm MacPhee by Joey MacPhee

Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m. at St. George's Int. Mary & Norman Keoughan by Raymond & Joanie Morrison

Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions for Saturday and Sunday are now booked until December 31. Weekday Masses times are still available for booking.

<u>CATESHISM</u>: St. Benedict's Catechism Classes are on Monday at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church.

<u>Advent – Time to Prepare for Christmas and to Keep Those</u> Less Fortunate In Our Hearts

Penance Services for the St. Benedict's Unit: There will be a Penance service for our Unit on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church. Extra priests will be available for confessions. Other penance services in the Zone: Monday December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's, Souris; Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Little Flower, Morell; Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Montague.

<u>Faith Sharing</u>: Faith sharing for Advent will begin on Monday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Edith MacDonald's home and on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. James church beginning on November 28. Everyone is welcome.

Toy/Clothing Donations in support of the Lions Club. The St. George's Family Life Committee would appreciate your help with their Advent project of collecting toys and new children's clothing for the Montague Lion's Club. Please place items on the table in the church entry between November 26 and December 10.

<u>St. George's CWL</u> suggest that you buy religious postage stamps this time of year. When you are decorating your home for Christmas please include a nativity scene as we remember to honor the birth of Jesus.

St. James' Advent Angel Tree Gift Certificates are being purchased for those in need. You are invited to put a donation in the box provided and then put an angel on the tree for you are an "angel" for doing so! All monies must be in by Sat., Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity. If you know of someone in need, please contact Claudia.

Journeying Together: Mark Your Calendar!! Come and build Community:

<u>Christmas Pageant by youth</u> on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James church...

<u>Christmas in Song by Choirs</u> will be held on December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints.

<u>Rosemary's New Year's Potluck</u> will be on Saturday, December 30 following Mass at St. James. More information as the date approaches.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Nov. 19 - 14 Envelopes - \$400.00; Loose - \$70.00; 1 On Going Maintenance Envelope - \$5.00; Donation to the Parish IMO Rose Molloy by Spud & Shirley Stewart - \$25.00. Ministries for Dec. 2 - Lector - Claudia Batchilder; Eucharistic Minister - Christine MacMillan; Choir - Organ.

St. James Parish is now set up to accept E-Transfers for your envelope contribution. The email address for E-Transfer's is: stjamesgeorgetown@gmail.com You can sent your weekly or monthly contribution but please include your envelope number; and anyone who wishes to send a donation to our Roof/On Going Maintenance Fund, can send it by E-Transfer, include your envelope number or your name and address and a tax receipt will be mailed to you.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 19 - 19 Envelopes - \$1,445.00; Loose – \$242.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for December 3: Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson Gifts – George & Julie VandenBroek; Ushers – Ron Blue & Roger Kelly. Church Custodian from November 27 to December 3 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan and from December 4 to December 10 is Harry Nabuurs. Church Cleaners for December are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe, & Pauline Kelly.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit on Sunday, December 3. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 19 - 16 Envelopes - \$390.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Pat MacDonald - \$760.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Eileen Morrison - \$50.00. Ministries December 3: Lector – Carol Caverley; Eucharistic Minister – Edith MacDonald; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan. Church Cleaners for December are: Dolores Campbell, Claire McCarron & Gertie Llewellyn. Snow Removal Team for December 3 to December 9 is Paul and Kent Morrison.

Snow Clearing for St. George's Parish: We will use the same list for people to clear snow at the church this winter as last

year. If anyone is unable to continue to be on the list please contact Paul Morrison at 902-969-0533.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

N.E.T. Report - Monday, Nov. 13 There were 37 youth from Kings County and beyond who heard the message of Jesus Christ from a team of 7 youth from across Canada! For 5 hours the youth heard about our faith through skit, song, prayer, talks and fellowship. Keep praying for them! A big thank you goes out to families who got their children to come, teachers who invited their students, priests who supported the event, families who billeted the team, National, Diocesan, and parish organizers who made it possible for the NET experience to happen, those who donated food, adults who stayed the day to help out. To All Saints Church for providing the venue and all who prayed for its success including those who came to pray the rosary at the church. The team said the youth were very engaged, respectful, and prayerful. It was an awesome day! Special thanks to Jennifer Pitre and Nate Shaw, without whom the day would have been abandoned. May Jesus Christ be praised for sending the NET team to us!

The Holy Trinity Unit Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Little Flower Church in Morell with wonderful musical talent from the parishes which will be sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Admission is by Donation. If you can also bring a nonperishable item for the St. Peter's Bay Community Cupboard, it would be much appreciated.

PRAYERS for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR SAINT ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Son of God. With your friend, St. John, you remained with Jesus, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.

Just as you led your brother, St Peter, to Christ and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us how to lead them, solely out of love for Jesus and dedication to His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and carry our daily crosses without complaint, so that they may carry us to God the Almighty Father. Amen.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - elmacdonald56@gmail.com or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.